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The Spruce Railroad Trail EA was developed in accordance with:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)
- National Park Service Organic Act
- National Park Service Management Policies
- Olympic National Park General Management Plan (GMP)
- Lake Crescent Management Plan (LCMP)

The GMP states that,

- The existing frontcountry trail system at Lake Crescent will be retained and could be improved.
- A universally accessible frontcountry trail will be developed and maintained.